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Sir:

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Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08B with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP 609 are respectfully requested.

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